

# Learning Assistance Center



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## LAC: Learning how to learn

By VIRGINIA NAXE  
Daily Staff Writer

"Gonna fly now."

Each quarter students begin classes with good intentions, hoping to excel. Soon they realize even though they may have the potential, poor study habits can get in the way of learning.

Students can spread their wings and "Get It Off The Ground In Academic Courses" with a little help from the Cal Poly Learning Assistance Center.

"Students who benefit from LAC programs include those who are doing okay academically, but want to spend less time and have less anxiety, those who are doing okay but want to do better, or those who are not doing okay in one or more courses of skills and want to remedy the problem," said Dr. Sue Davidson, director of LAC.

Davidson said the focus is on students learning to learn.

They learn to get organized, utilize time more effectively, gain more freedom and peace of mind and avoid procrastination. They learn techniques for better reading

rates, comprehension and retention improvement.

"Many students are unaware or may not realize they are having difficulties in basic study skills," said Marty Miller, assistant to the director. Miller said: "Students may come in and say 'It looks like I have a tough course.' The first thing we do is to assess their current skills, locating strengths and needed areas of improvement."

Most of the people working in LAC are trained students. There are also trained professionals involved in the program.

"I like helping other people reach their goals," said Patty Drew, an Early Childhood Development major beginning her third year as a LAC facilitator. She says "putting things off to the last minute seems to be the number one problem."

Although LAC is geared toward students, anyone on campus can take advantage of the program to learn to budget time or relieve stress.

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GETTING ASSISTANCE from Learning Assistance Center's Cheryl McCarty is student David Faulkner. LAC provides seminars and lectures on how to organize a workload, work

efficiently and lessen anxiety. The program is geared primarily toward students, but is open to anyone on campus. (Daily photos by Mike Ewen)

## Inflation hikes campus cost of living

By GINA BERREYESA

Enrollment and new buildings haven't been the only things going up on campus over the years. A steady rise in the cost of

tuition, food, housing and health care also has taken place.

Not surprisingly, students are having to pull a little more out of their pockets to pay for books, meals and rent.

Last fall, registering students with more than six units paid \$70 in tuition fees. This fall, the bill was up \$1.

Those purchasing annual health cards paid \$5 more this fall than last. Annual cards increased to \$45, and quarterly cards went up from \$17 to \$18.

According to David Graham, acting director of the Health Center, the cost of supplies, salaries and benefits forced Health Center fees up. Room rates, however, remain the same.

Students living in the residence halls paid \$777 for the year this fall, up from \$732.

"That means an increase of roughly 5 per cent," said Raymond Baker, director of housing, "which is still not as much as the cost of living."

Baker cited increases in salaries, material costs and utilities as factors responsible for the raised room rates.

Cashiers at El Corral Bookstore were most likely ringing up higher totals on their cash registers this fall.

According to bookstore manager Ivan Sanderson, some textbooks have gone up quite a bit and others have increased very little. He said increases ranged from 3 to 20 per cent.

The items least affected by inflation this fall have been school supplies, Sanderson said.

Labor and utility costs are partly responsible for the rising bookstore prices, Sanderson said.

Paper bags are one example of an item that "nearly priced us out of business," Sanderson commented. Most students have probably noticed the new type of bags now supplied.

These high density polyethylene bags, developed in England, are cheaper than those made of paper, Sanderson said.

Besides the lower price, the new bags hold additional merit because they are biodegradable. The bag's manufacturer claims their product will disintegrate by flaking and cracking in one year when left in direct sunlight.

This year alone, bag costs were \$5,400, and the figure was even larger last year, Sanderson noted.

Food prices have not escaped the upward trend either.

At the Campus Produce Store "practically everything" has gone up, according to store manager Carl Moy.

Last year cheese prices ranged from \$1.40 to \$1.60 a pound, now, cheeses are selling for \$1.70 to \$2.20 a pound.

Rising prices of cartons, milk, labor and non-fat milk solids are among the reasons for the cost increases, explained Moy. He said sour cream has probably gone up the most this fall.

Nonetheless, a few items are still the same price like half pints of ice cream. The store's milk still sells for a few cents less than carts in downtown stores.

Much of the food sold in campus eating areas has risen. Students this year will find themselves paying 5 cents more for hamburgers at the snackbar and ice cream cones at the Ice Cream Parlor.

On an average, food prices went up 5 cents on most items, said Al Smith of Foundation Food Services.

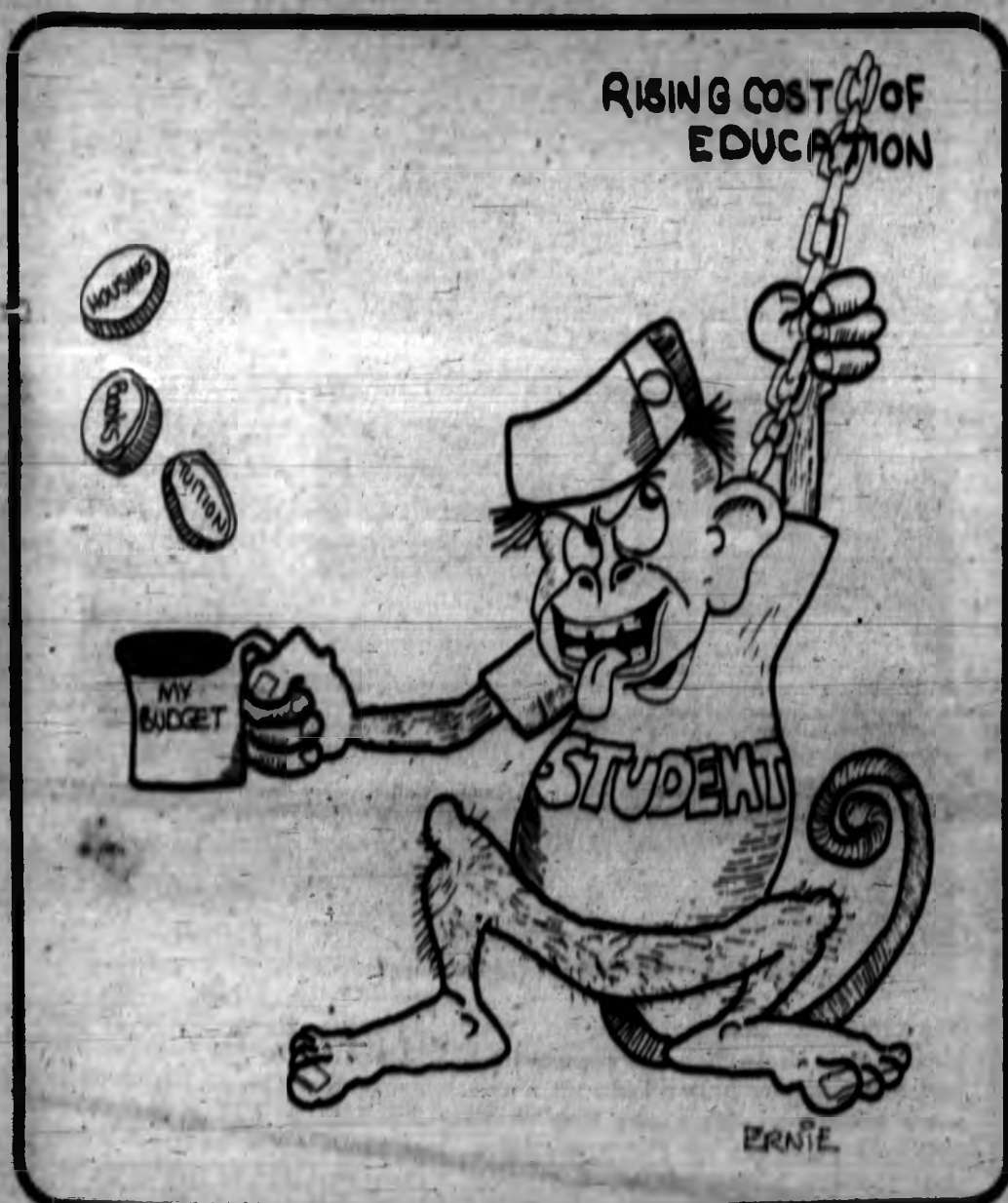
In a brighter vein, some foods remained the same price like french fries, yogurt and salami sandwiches at the Snackbar, and nuts and candy at the Ice Cream Parlor.

According to Foundation purchasing agent Dale Lockers, statistics show overall increases in food such as cheese-20 per cent, milk-5 per cent, fresh eggs-12 per cent, canned fruit-5 per cent, and canned vegetables-5 per cent.

Smith said some of the factors influencing food prices at campus facilities have been increases in wages, utility costs, and custodial charges. Overall food prices increased 8 per cent.

It may be a relief to know that campus prices are generally boosted only once a year—at the beginning of summer quarter.

Meanwhile, students can expect the value of education to go up in cost, that is.







## Poly Twirlers square dance in true hoedown tradition

By CAROL GREENLAND  
Special to The Daily

"Slither nose to nose", "wheel and deal", "swirly cue" it sounds like anything from a hot game of poker to the latest hair fashion.

But to the Poly Twirlers, a square dancing club here at Poly, these are the directions to having a great time.

The Twirlers dance every Wednesday night from 8 p.m. until 10 p.m. in the Snack Bar. Ladies arrive dressed in full petticoats hiding laced pants. The men come in long-sleeved western-styled shirts.

The action begins foot stomping, hand clapping, and an occasional whoop and a holler transforming the Snack Bar into a true hoedown atmosphere.

Despite lyrics that speak of lost loves and "no account lovers", dancers appear to be having the time of their lives.

The Poly Twirlers have been a part of Cal Poly for 19 years. A local couple organized the club because they felt there was a place for such a group among college students.

A decade and a half later the group is dancing to the tune of Gordon Hoyt. Singing out "promenade left" and

"dosado," Hoyt continues an art he has been practicing since 1937.

He is currently president of the Central Coast Callers Association. His history also includes a term as president of the Southern California Folk Dance Federation. Hoyt has called for several local clubs, and is now doing his second year with the Poly Twirlers.

The club is presenting a "One Night Stand" Saturday Oct. 8 in Chumash Auditorium. Those attending will become acquainted with square dancing as a whole, and about ten moves in particular.

This event is hoped to promote a beginners class being held in the Snack Bar every Monday night from 8 p.m. until 10 p.m. The class will be open until Oct. 10. This group will graduate in March or April, and will then be qualified to join any square dancing group.

In February, the Twirlers will dance in the Sequoia Stamp with clubs coming from all over the state. In the spring they plan to take part in a state convention.

The Twirlers do not compete at these events. As club

president Karen Johnson points out:

"We go for the fun of dancing. That's what we're going for."

"The fun of dancing is anywhere from a normal night in the Snack Bar to a dance roller-skates. Novelty trophies are awarded for dancing under "unusual circumstances" as put by Jill Brackman, vice president. Among them are the Crack-Pot Broom for dancing in a bathroom, the famous men's room at the Madonna Inn suited this

There are also badges as the Jail Bird for wearing a cell. The Night Owl is given for dancing all hours. And Purple Heart is for enduring square with three others, who are notoriously bad dancers.

If this isn't variety enough then a Sand Flea Bash may be called together on a beach of Port San Luis. Dancing siamangs is another change of pace. In this two people work together and function as one.

All in all the art, sport, maybe feat of square dancing offers a lot of possibilities sums up the whole thing, "It's fun!"

POLY TWIRLERS square dance to the foot-stomping, hand clapping sound of country music in Poly's Snack Bar. The Twirlers dance every Wednesday night in full petticoats and western styled shirts. (Daily photo by Terrie Elker)

## Series begins with Indians

Indians have always been portrayed as ruthless, bloodthirsty savages.

Dr. Donald Grinde, a Cal Poly Associate Professor in the History Department, will try to put that view to rest with his lecture today at 11 a.m. in Rm. 220 of the University Union.

Titled "The Iroquois and the Origins of American Democracy," the lecture covers Grinde's thesis that the Indians influenced the way the

settlers set up their new government.

According to Grinde, the settler's colonial government differed from European legislative system because the newcomers noticed the way the Indians organized themselves.

The settlers needed that kind of organization to unite thirteen colonies.

Grinde, part Indian himself, is an active participant in Indian affairs in New York, a

member of the Editorial Board of "Indian Historian", a frequent contributor to scholarly journals and author of "The Iroquois and the Formation of the United States" (1977).

The lecture is the first in the Arts and Humanities Lecture Series. "Women in the New World: The Majority as Minority" will be presented Oct. 20, the second of the series.

## Correction

The final day for suggestions to the San Luis Obispo Human Relations Commission on how to improve the community is today and not Friday as reported in the Mustang Daily.

Wednesday's editorial titled "Liberation in the Assembly" was written by Carol Provenza, a junior in Journalism.

## LETTERS

Mustang Daily welcomes letters expressing all viewpoints. Letters must be signed, with an ID number, although they may be published anonymously on request. Bring double-spaced typewritten letters to Graphic Arts Building, Rm. 126.



MAKING A delivery? Hardly. Administration clerks had no explanation and could muster only a cautious laugh when asked why this Coors Beer truck appeared yesterday on Poly's dry campus. Campus police officials said they were not aware the truck was on campus and planned to do nothing about it.

Mustang Daily Photo Editor Donald Steers caught the truck in motion as it drove down South Perimeter after having been parked in the administration parking lot. The truck was driven by a Cal Poly student who is also employee of the beer company operating out of Santa Margarita.

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# Getting the inside scoop

By GINA BERRYESA  
Daily Desk Editor

Simply put, this is a story about the campus ice cream parlour. Not as simply put, the story includes some of my observation and experiences about working in the small shop after one year.

Standing behind the tubs of colorful cream may sound like a glamorous way to spend one's working hours, but like any job, it has its high points and drawbacks.

There is a certain amount of skill to the profession. Scoopers must be able to keep the round balls of ice cream to a standard size. They must already have, or soon acquire, arm muscles capable of coping with scoop after scoop of ice cream.

Battling with tubs of the sometimes stiff frozen cream handling soft creams with care and brooding over the crumbly sherberts also goes along with the job.

The small parlour, tucked between the room of pin ball machines and pay phones on the bottom floor of the University Union, is not exactly spacious. Workers often find themselves dodging each other while simultaneously reaching for scoopers or cans of whipped cream.

I would venture to say all ice

cream scoopers share a common dislike for extra thick shakes, triple scoops and the days when Poly Royal visitors and young Future Farmers of America form endless lines trailing out the door of the parlour.

The parlour also serves as a classroom for studying human behavior. Scoopers say there are eaters who must mull over the lists of flavors before making a final flavor decision. Others, on the other hand know even before they get through the door which treat they will order.

Workers get to know the regular customers, the secretaries on their breaks. Even the personal preferences of some visitors become familiar. The crowds are often sporadic, and the weather doesn't always correlate with customer's ice cream urges.

Many people make a meal of ice cream purchases. Often a milkshake serves as lunch for those on the go.

The Ice Cream Parlour offers approximately 16 flavors of ice cream behind the glass case, and flavors change from day to day. The best seller is German Chocolate Cake.

While the Ice Cream Parlour gets milk and most of its frozen goods from the Cal

Poly Dairy depending on the flavors they have in supply—that has not always been the case.

Last year, when the dairy's ice cream machine broke down, the Ice Cream Parlour began stocking such brands as Carnation, Knudsen and Certified Grocers. This year, according to Pauline Shaffer of Foundation Food Services, the parlour will be selling Cal Poly ice cream as much as possible.

According to Foundation purchasing agent Dale Lackore, scoopers dig

through 300 gallons of ice cream and bag nearly 200 pounds of candy and nuts a week.

In a more mathematical breakdown, there are approximately 20 scoops to a gallon of ice cream, which could result in the sales of nearly 6,000 cones a week.

In addition to ice cream, the store stocks various types of candy and nuts. Most of the candy can be purchased by the piece or by the pound. Licorice, hard candy and hot nuts are some of the treats available.

It's easy to complain about the hardships of an ice cream scooper, but there are some pleasant parts to the job.

Workers are allowed to release some of their inner artistic yearnings as they swirl whipped cream and dot

cherries onto ice cream sandwiches.

The parlour is open on weekdays between 11 a.m. and 3 p.m. and from 5:30 to 10 p.m. for those who can make the calories and even for those who can't.

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## Cashing in on campus

By MELINDA LOGAN  
Daily Staff Writer

While you're waiting in line to cash your \$20 check at the Cashiers Office in the University Union, workers are providing other services as well.

Cashing checks is only one job at the Cashier's Office. Meal ticket payments and replacements are also handled there. All ASI and student organization deposits and registration fees for conferences and seminars are processed through the Cashiers Office.

It also handles accounts receivable (bounced checks), takes care of bookstore deposits and provides change for the dining hall and bookstore.

Cashing and processing bounced checks though are a

large part of the Cashier's work.

"From July 1976 to June 30, 1977 we cashed 102,482 checks and received 822 returned checks," said Allemae Hollings, Cal Poly Foundation cashier. Hollings did not disclose how much money was involved for security reasons.

Checks written with "insufficient funds" are not considered too much of a problem.

"We have control because the students records are withheld until they pay," says Hollings. "They can't register until the check has been taken care of."

Students deliberately writing bad checks is not the problem according to Hollings.

"Most students just make a mistake in subtracting."

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## ASI fires external affairs officer

By DINK BROERSMA  
Daily Staff Writer

Mustang Daily has learned Associated Students, Inc., External Affairs Assistant Monica Aguilar was fired Tuesday by ASI President Paul Curtis.

Curtis said Aguilar was fired because of "inadequate representation" and for allegedly breaching an oath of executive session while representing Cal Poly's ASI at a meeting of the California State University and Colleges Student Presidents Association (CSUCSPA) Los Angeles last month.

He said Aguilar was representing her own view at the meeting and not that of Cal Poly's ASI when she abstained on a vote taken concerning an Instructionally Related Activities fee.

The proposed fee would raise the cost of registration from \$5 to \$10 according to Curtis. If the fee gets the approval of the CSUCSPA, Cal Poly's ASI would receive from \$75,000 to \$150,000 to be

divided up among campus organizations and activities.

Curtis said he supported the IRA fee and told Aguilar to vote for the measure as his representative at the meeting.

Curtis also said Aguilar breached an oath of executive session of the CSUCSPA when she allegedly talked with other persons about personnel matters discussed during an executive session.

Aguilar said Curtis was relying on "hearsay" and denied she had ever broken an oath of executive session.

She said Curtis was "too fast to react," in firing her from the position she had held since June.

"He did not confront me as an employer would confront an employee," said Aguilar. "He did not tell me how to act as an employee."

Curtis and Aguilar opposed each other in last year's election for ASI president. Aguilar finished fourth in the election.

Curtis said their opposition last year had nothing to do with Aguilar's firing.

## Cal Poly Extension

A 10-hour course covering the nature and effect of Scleroderma Disease (hardening of the skin) is being offered through Cal Poly Extension, according to Donald M. Morris, Associate Dean of Continuing Education.

The class will meet Friday, October 7, from 7 p.m. until 10 p.m. and Saturday, October 8, from 9 a.m. until 4:30 p.m. in the Cal Poly Science Building, room E45.

The class will include description of the symptoms, diagnosis, prognosis and management of the disease. The course will be directed by Guy Clark, M.D., rheumatologist, and Robert Lukert II, M.D., a dermatologist, both of Santa Barbara.

The course, BIO E476, carries a certification in grading. According to L. Feeney, field representative for Cal Poly Extension, registered nurses and nursing home aides taking this course are eligible for 10 hours of continuing education credit provided by both the Board of Registered Nurses and the Board of Examiners for Nursing Home Administrators.

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## Weekend lecture series starts

"Psychic Phenomena and Individual Responsibility" will be the title when the initial program of the 1977-78 First Weekend Series is presented at 7:30 p.m. Sunday, in Room 220 of the University Union.

Speaker for the program will be Dale-Yetarian of Lompoc, who believes there is potential for humans using their psychic energy with care and knowledge.

Yetarian has held a number of workshops on extra sensory

perception and has written a book, "Exploring Psychic Phenomena," in which she warns against experimenting with psychic tools such as Ouija boards.

The theme for the 1977-78 First Weekend Series, according to Dr. Bernice Loughran, its coordinator, is "Human Problems and Individual Responsibility."

After this weekend's presentation, which was moved to the second weekend, the programs will be presented the first weekend of each month. Students and the public are invited to attend. Admission is free.

The series is sponsored by the School of Communicative Arts and Humanities.

## KCBX benefit auction nears

Tired of shopping in the local stores? Looking for something unique for that special person? Then perhaps it would be a good idea to attend the 2nd annual KCBX auction to be held this Saturday from 11 to five in Mission Plaza.

Among the more than 300 items to be auctioned off are a ride for two in a hot air balloon over San Luis Obispo, the use of a recreational vehicle for a weekend and six hours of both gardening and carpentry service.

The auction, in the planning stage for the last six months, is being held to help KCBX, a non-profit, public radio station, meet its operating costs. Acting as official auctioneer will be local entertainer Monte Mills.

A large number of craft and food booths will be an integral part of the auction. Many local craftspeople will display their goods with a percentage going to KCBX. Food booths will be staffed by non-profit organizations with all profits going to these organizations.

## Learning Center

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LAC provides an opportunity for people to learn skills and motivation they can apply on campus and in other life situations. Davidson explained that a lack of academic success often carries over into other parts of a person's life.

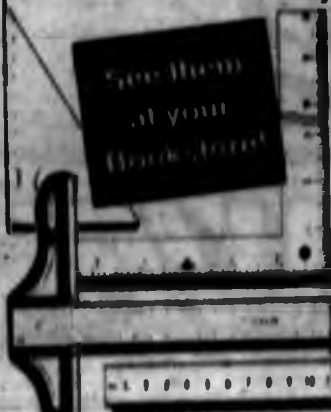
One student who didn't wish to be identified said, "The day before my mid-terms last quarter, I signed up with a facilitator. I learned to budget my time. I learned how to take notes and underline my books properly. I went to a seminar on test anxiety. I'm more relaxed taking tests... but I am still working on it. I'm signing up early this quarter."

For those unable to attend scheduled seminars and lectures, private programs can be arranged. The center is open seven days a week and during the evening. It is located in the University Library, Rm. 208-A, or call 946-1296.

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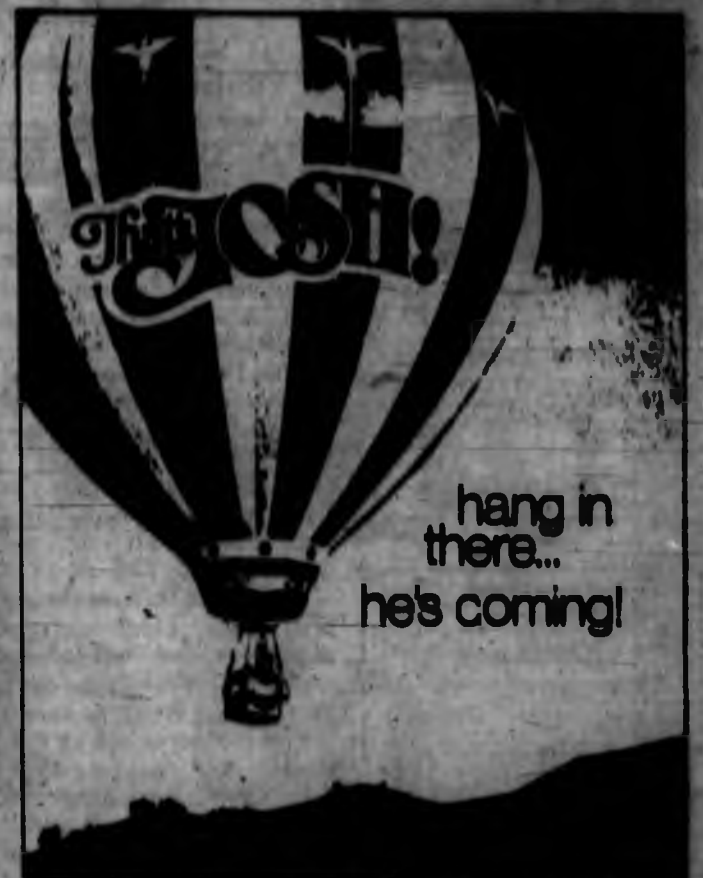
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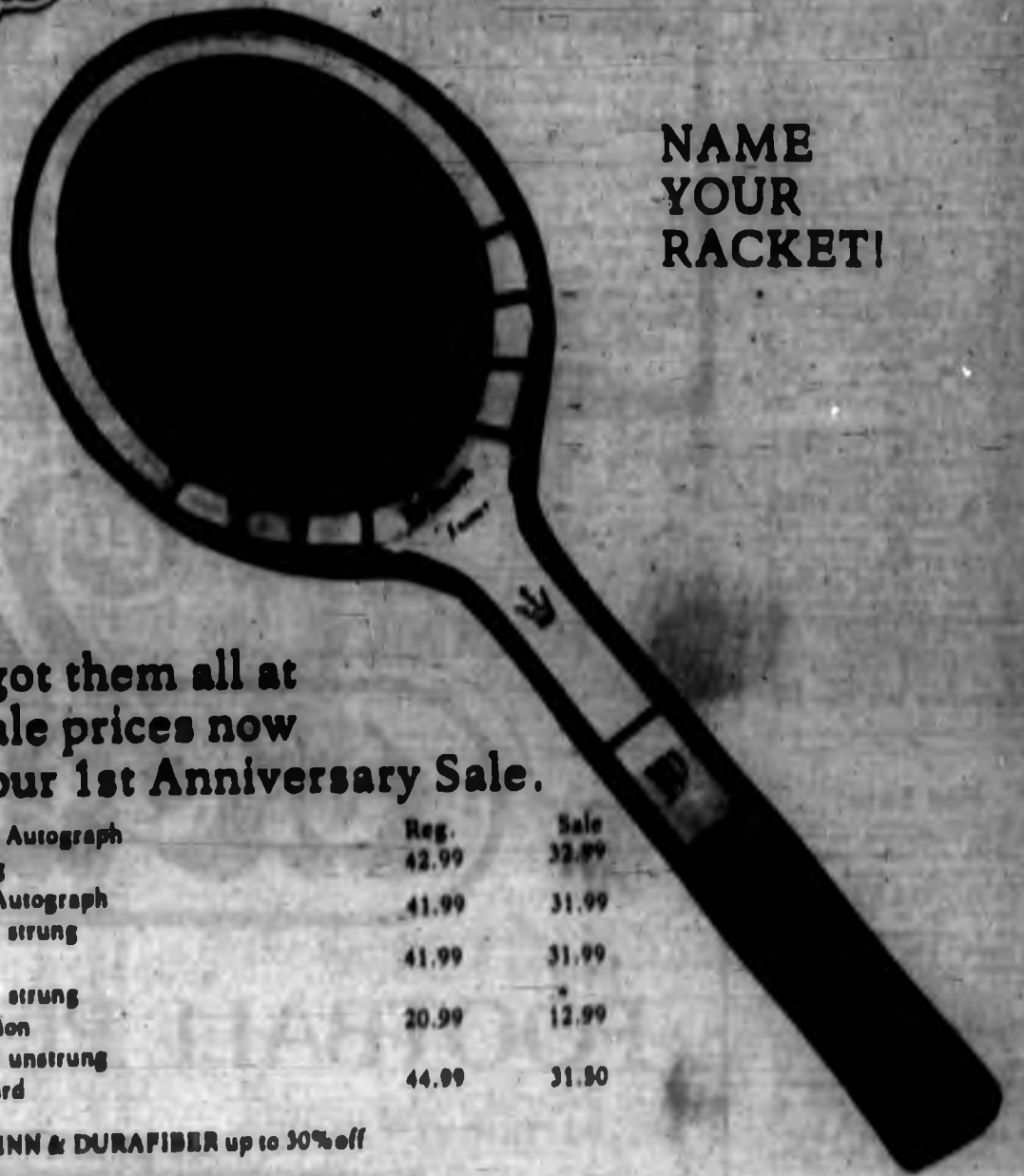


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kicked a field goal in the second period of the game with Fresno State which was one yard short of the school record — 51 yards. Pell is now tied with the school record for most field goals in a career and still has seven games to go. Pell is a senior from Detroit.



# Giants look to next season

By JANET J. KRIEEMEYER  
Daily Staff-Writer

The baseball season is over for the San Francisco Giants. There's nothing left for loyal Giant fans to do but wait for next year and hope the Phillies beat the Dodgers in this week's playoffs.

And what's going to happen to the 1978 Giants? Will they be pennant contenders? Joe Altobelli, rookie manager of the Giants, speaks of their future in terms of years.

"In a few years we'll be strong," said Altobelli.

The manager who has been criticized this year for platooning players, explained his reasons.

"I had spent most of my coaching career with minor league teams in the American

League and hadn't had a chance to see a lot of these guys in action," he said. "Also by having all the guys play I could keep my bench strong."

If there was one thing Altobelli did do this year was keep the bench strong. The Giants posted a .285 average in pinch-hitting, a phenomenal mark for a club whose team batting average was .254. The SF club also set a team record with 11 pinch-hit home runs.

Several Giants had their most productive year in the majors under the new manager. Gary LaVelle, San Francisco's all-star reliever, broke existing club records with 72 appearances and 20 saves. Outfielder Gary Thomasson hit 17 home runs, twice as many as he hit last year, and led the team in stolen bases.

After being invited to spring training by Joe Altobelli, Willie McCovey, the Gentle Giant, proved that he could

still hit after all these years. McCovey, a shoe-in for National League Comeback-Player-of-the-Year honors, led the Giants in home runs, runs batted in and standing ovations.

"We'll definitely have Willie back next year at first base. He doesn't want to quit and we don't want him to," said Altobelli.

Altobelli isn't sure who else will play but he wants to have a set line-up.

"I'd like to play Thomasson in left field and Derril Thomas in center. If Jack Clark wants the job in right field bad enough, he can have it. Jack has a lot of maturing to do and if he can start playing like a 22-year-old kid should, I know he can do the job for us."

"I want to wish Bill Madlock to second base and put Darrell Evans at third. As for the rest (of the line-up) I'm not really sure—we'll just have to wait until spring training."

## Softball meeting

A meeting will be held today at 11 a.m. in Crandall Gym for women interested in participating in intercollegiate softball.

The meeting will be to encourage women to take part in the Jog-A-Thon that will be held in November for the stadium renovation project.

Monies collected from the event will go to both the renovation project and the club or sport on which the individual is running.

## Answers to Quiz

1. 41
2. Jimmy Clarke.
3. Louis held the title for 11 years eight months and nine days in which he defended his title 25 times, and retired unbeaten in 1949.
4. Dick Weber.
5. A) Rocky Graziano b) Dizzy Dean and c) Brian Piccolo.
6. Elgin Baylor of Los Angeles vs. Boston in 1962.
7. Billie Jean Moffit King and Randy Moffit.
8. The Harlem Globetrotters.
9. Don Schollander.
10. Jean-Claude Killy.

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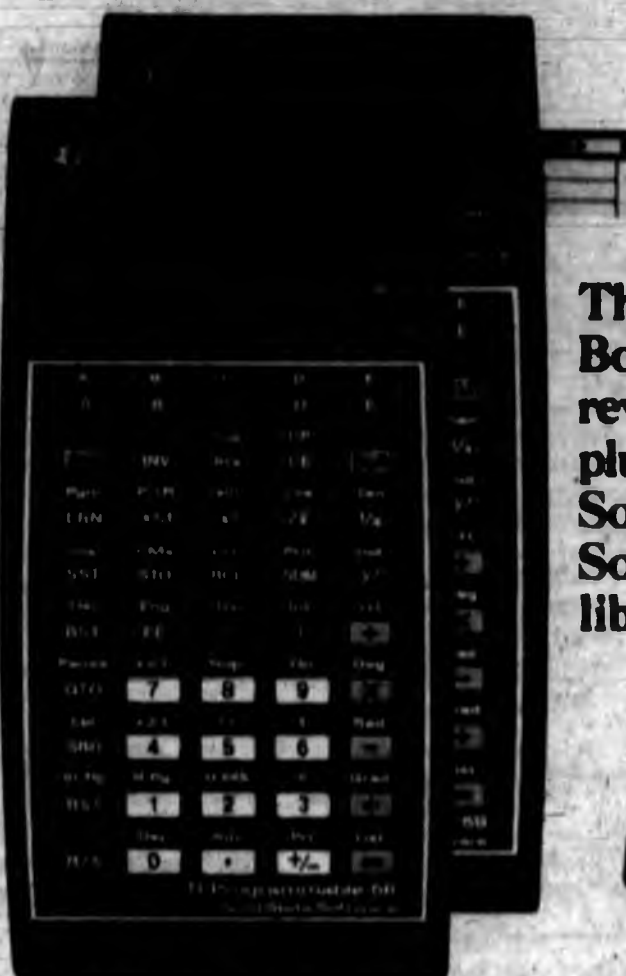


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